

OLD TRADES UNIONS.

THEY EXISTED LONG BEFORE THIS COUNTRY WAS SETTLED.

How a Silk Weaver of Damascus Was Raised to the Rank of Master Workman—Impressive Ceremonies in an Ancient Trade Organization.

The labor leaders of the present day have, as a rule, little if any conception of the antiquity of organizations similar to their own, similar in that they sought to improve and elevate their members, yet dissimilar in the means adopted to accomplish the desired end.

Each union had its own officers, who combined to form a grand council, composed of a grand master workman and his assistants, a grand marshal and assistant, a grand deputy and his assistant, and all the master workmen of the different trades of the city.

The ceremony of initiation took place at the house of the grand master workman of all the trades, in deference to the wishes of the candidate, if he were willing to pay for the unusual honor and favor.

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An Electrical Effect.

Mme. Martin, living in an outer suburb of Paris, recently experienced one of the most extraordinary shocks that have ever startled a human being.

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Playful Monkeys.

Apes and gorillas are usually vicious and ferocious, and less addicted to playful tricks than the common monkey.

Quick-liver minks follow the most unhealthy trade in the world. The fumes of the mercury produce constant salivation, and the system becomes permeated with the metal, the teeth of the unfortunate men drop out, they lose their appetite, become emaciated, and as a rule seldom live longer than two years.

Enos Kerr, a man well known at Knoxville, Ia., found a perfect miniature ear of corn, with grains no larger than mustard seeds, growing on a stalk of foxtail.

The Chinese authorities have established life saving associations, which keep several well manned boats constantly plying at all the dangerous rapids in the Yang-tse river.

How slowly up the steep we climb! We take but one step at a time—So small a step, scarcely visible, Seem climbing up perceptibly.

So near the base below appears, We sometimes think with wailing tears, Though all our energies we strain, The summit we can never gain.

And from the faroff heights where they, Like brave crowned victors, stand today, We hear an echoing voice say, "We told as slowly up the steep."

Dr. E. V. PIERCE, Dr. Sir—Two of our best doctors pronounced my case consumptive and vibrating as if it had a disposition to wag, which was kept in check by the supreme importance of not disturbing the hare or dove.

Not infrequently the tail of a young setter when it sets game may be seen trembling and vibrating as if it had a disposition to wag, which was kept in check by the supreme importance of not disturbing the hare or dove.

When Americans came to California they were surprised at the variations that they observed in familiar plants.

The elderberry, which is only slightly different from the elderberry bush of the Atlantic slope, often becomes a tree of from two to four feet in diameter and thirty or forty feet high.

Many plants of Mexico, Peru, Chili, the Hawaiian Islands, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Mediterranean shores have already become dangerous weeds.

The loquat, a choice fruit of Japan, is already growing wild in some canyons where picnic parties have left the seeds.

Complimentary Nonsense. "There are certain persons," remarked a literary woman to one of her friends as she returned from an afternoon reception, "who are a perfect terror to me.

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Boiling Macaroni.

An authority says that in boiling macaroni it is fatal to permit it to stop boiling for a moment until done.

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